

Claims

1. A screening tube having a stored state and a deployed state, the tube being self supporting when in the deployed state and being collapsible from the
5 deployed state to the stored state, the tube comprising a flexible tubular sheet that defines a screened space within the bore of the tube.
2. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube comprises tube walls and a coil to support the walls of the tube when the tube is in the
10 deployed state.
3. A screening tube according to claim 2 wherein the coil is a compression spring.
- 15 4. A screening tube according to claim 3 wherein restriction means are provided for restricting expansion of the compression spring when the screening tube is in the deployed state.
- 20 5. A screening tube according to claim 4 wherein the restriction means are adjustable restriction means to allow adjustment of the height of the screening tube when the tube is in the deployed state.

6. A screening tube according to claim 3 wherein a restrictor is provided for restricting expansion of the compression spring when the screening tube is in the deployed state.

5 7. A screening tube according to claim 4 wherein the restrictor is an adjustable restrictor allowing height adjustment of the screening tube when the tube is in the deployed state.

8. A screening tube according to claim 2 wherein the coil is a tension
10 spring and a support member is provided to support the tube when the tube is in the deployed state.

9. A screening tube according to claim 2 wherein the coil is an inflatable coil.

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10. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube comprises tube walls and a compressible support member in at least a portion of a wall of the tube to support the walls of the screening tube when the tube is in the deployed state.

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11. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube comprises a

removable base portion.

12. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube is open at both ends.

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13. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube comprises means for securing the tube to the ground.

14. A screening tube according to claim 13 wherein the means for securing
10 the tube to the ground comprise spikes arranged for placement in the ground.

15. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube is of circular cross section.

15 16. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube is of square cross section.

17. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein the tube is of polygonal cross section.

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18. A screening tube according to claim 17 wherein the polygon is a regular

polygon.

19. A screening tube according to claim 17 wherein the polygon is an irregular polygon.

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20. A screening tube according to claim 1 wherein when the tube is in a stored state the screening tube may be used as a buoyancy aid.

21. A screening tube having a stored state and a deployed state, the tube
10 being self supporting when in the deployed state and being collapsible from the deployed state to the stored state, the tube comprising a flexible tubular sheet that defines a screened space within the bore of the tube and a coil to support walls of the tube when the tube is in the deployed state.

15 22. A screening tube having a stored state and a deployed state, the tube comprising support means for supporting the tube when the tube is in the deployed state, the tube being collapsible from the deployed state to the stored state, the tube comprising a flexible tubular sheet that defines a screened space within the bore of the tube.

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23. A screening tube having a stored state and a deployed state, the tube

being self supporting when in the deployed state and being collapsible from the deployed state to the stored state, the tube comprising a flexible tubular sheet that defines a screened space within the bore of the tube and forms walls of the tube and an inflatable coil to support the walls of the tube.

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24. A screening tube having a stored state and a deployed state, the tube being self supporting when in the deployed state and being collapsible from the deployed state to the stored state, the tube comprising a flexible tubular sheet that defines a screened space within the bore, the tube arranged so that when

10 the tube is in a stored state the screening tube may be used as a bouyancy aid.